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House Committee on Ways and Means Manufacturing Tax Reform Working Group 1102 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representatives Gerlach and Sanchez:

I ask that my legislation, H.R. 929, the Patriot Corporations of America Act, be considered as the Manufacturing Tax Reform Working Group begins deliberations about changes to the tax code.

H.R. 929 gives preference in government contracting and provides a 5 percent reduction in taxable income to corporations that voluntarily meet the following "patriotic" standards:

- Produce at least 90% of their goods and services in the United States;
- Spend at least 50% of their research and development budgets in the United States;
- Limit top management compensation to no greater than 100 times that of their lowest-compensated full-time workers;
- Contribute at least 5% of payroll to a portable pension fund;
- Pay at least 70% of the cost of health insurance premiums;
- Maintain neutrality in employee organizing drives:
- Provide full differential salary and insurance benefits for all National Guard and Reserve employees who are called to active duty; and
- Comply with federal regulations regarding the environment, workplace safety, consumer protections and labor relations.

I believe this legislation will incentivize business practices that spur economic development and expand access to good-paying manufacturing jobs. I appreciate your consideration of H.R. 929 as you work to write the tax policies that will drive our economy forward. For more information about this proposal, please see the attached legislation or contact Brian Laughlin of my staff at 202-225-2111 or brian.laughlin@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress